

To the State of Connecticut Appropriations Committee

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony on behalf of me, Night Fall and arts in Connecticut.

Night Fall is a free performance that occurs the first weekend in October in a Hartford Park. Night Fall has received State Funding through the Office of the Arts for the past three years. That funding has allowed us to.....

- Create a unique performance with Giant puppets and costumed characters free to the public.
- Hold Night Fall in a different park in Hartford every year which showcases the beautiful parks we have here.
- Pay artists to hold art workshops in each neighborhood we are in prior to the performance which allows the neighborhood to engage in Night Fall in a meaningful way.
- Bring the Greater Hartford community together in a positive and arts enriched event which builds bridges in our community.
- Provide quality annual art performances for over 11 thousand people who have attended from the region as well Colorado, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont and more.
- Fairly pay hundreds of local artists and performers to do the work they do and support their art form which will keep our artists here and help them to grow as performers.
- Showcase and connect the Night Fall artists/performers with other financial opportunities.
- Provide arts instruction related to Night Fall to underserved youth of Hartford(Grace Academy for Girls, Villages for Families and Children, Ebony Horse Women, Pope Park Community Center, Charter Oak Cultural Center, BICI Co and Parker Memorial Community Center)
- Enhance local events and pay performers by bringing our giant puppets and costumed characters to these events which include The West Indian Parade, Hooker Day Parade, Saint Patrick's Day Parade , Gay Pride Festival and The Latin Music Fest to name a few.
- Make Night Fall a signature event for our capital city with giant puppets, and remarkable creatures that can reach over twelve feet tall which are a Connecticut treasure.
- Create economic opportunities for the neighborhood surrounding the parks we are performing in, the food trucks and vendors at Night Fall as well as local hardware, fabric, grocery stores and businesses Night Fall buys local.

We at Night Fall strongly encourage continuing to support the Arts in Connecticut and make monies available to make our work possible.

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